

February 23, 2023  
Members of the Education Appropriations Subcommittee  
State Capitol Hartford, CT 06106

**RE: Proposed Budget on Education**

Dear Members of the Education Appropriations Subcommittee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify related to the proposed budget on education.

Year after year

Year after year, we seem to come back here, to once again campaign

And year after year someone is always left disappointed

If the education of children was a priority of the country we probably would not

be here If we valued the education of children, we probably would not be here

today If we believed in equity we would not be here today

More over addressing the state of our school systems

Money, some value money more than life

Some value money over their own soul

Some use it to measure their success

But it is nothing more than a tool, a resource, which we give value to

I can imagine since there IS a surplus MANY other organizations,

infrastructures and systems are all looking for additional funding

I wonder how many testimonies before I got here requested the same I wonder

how many testimonies after me will request the continue to request the same

Last year I spoke to my children about the 2.4 Billion dollar surplus This

year i have informed them about the 6.4 Billion dollar surplus & to my

surprise Danbury charter and Norwalk excellence are still being ignored

Research says that Being ignored creates feelings of self-doubt, feeling

a lack of control, and feeling not worthy of attention

A feeling I pray adolescents do not have to experience, ever

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Men and women put their hand on and swear by something

that is holy Yet the actions that follow indicate hypocrisy

Jesus said "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but

inwardly they are ravenous wolves. **16** You will know them by their fruits.

In other words, look out for those who lie, who disguise themselves as an ally

or friend but hide their true intentions. You will recognize them by their works or

actions or lack thereof.

Ask yourself where do you stand in this current circumstance?  
Do you consider the current actions or lack thereof neglect?  
Do you predict us coming back to campaign for the same thing  
next year?

Thank you and peace be unto you all.

Respectfully,

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